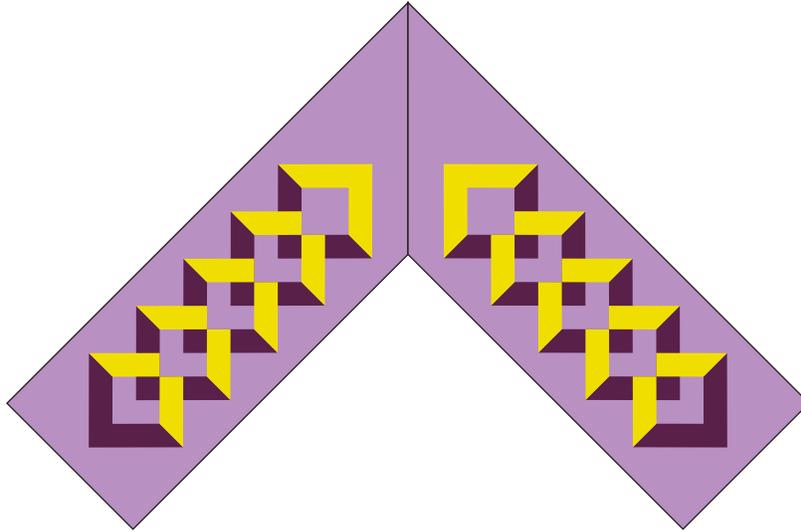


Directions for Placing Double Diamonds On a Mitered Corner of a Quilt Border



“Winging It”

If you want to “wing it” you must first sew your mitered borders to the quilt following your quilt instructions. Determine the gap you want between the diamonds and the mitered corner seam. The gap needs to be at least $3/8$ ” to avoid the seam allowance of the mitered seam. Mark the beginning spots for each with chalk. (They should be equidistant from the mitered seam.) Follow the directions for making Double Diamonds to cut as many diamonds as you like. Repeat on the other. Be sure to turn your Double Diamond Ruler™ around so that the diamonds are pointing the other direction.

“Planning It”

To plan the placement of your diamonds in a more structured way, follow these directions:

First, make some decisions about your Double Diamonds:

Let’s assume that both sets of diamonds will be the same length and will be symmetrically placed on either side of mitered seam. (You can make the sets of diamonds different in length if you want to.)

Decide how wide of a gap you want between the diamonds and the mitered seam. It needs to be at least $3/8$ ” to avoid the seam allowance of the mitered seam. Chalk a mark where you want your diamonds to begin on either side of the mitered seam. The marks should be equidistant from the mitered seam.

Decide how long you want your sets of diamonds to stretch from tip to tip. If you’re not real worried about the exact ending point, simply chalk a mark near where you want your last diamond to end. If you need to be more specific, use the [Double Diamond Length Chart](#) to determine how many diamonds you must make to cover that distance.

When putting Double Diamonds on quilt borders, the border fabric is considered the **Main Fabric**. The fabric you fuse to the back of the border fabric is the Contrast Fabric. You will place a third fabric, the **Background Fabric**, underneath the diamonds. **There can’t be seams on the Main (Border) fabric or the Contrast fabric where your diamonds are to be placed, so plan accordingly when you originally cut and sew your border strips.**

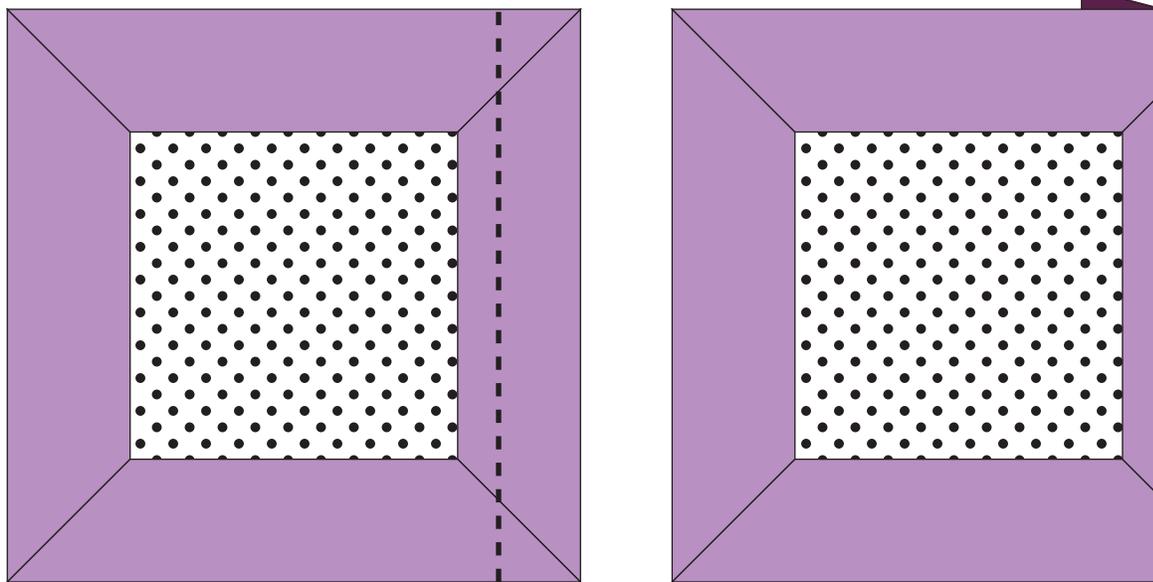
Step #1: Prepare the Fabric

- **Prepare the Main (Border) Fabric:**

You should already have sewn your mitered borders onto your quilt top. You will work on one side of the mitered corner first then repeat the steps to do the second side.

Fold one of your borders in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. When you make the fold, take into consideration the seam allowance between the border and your quilt top. To do that, meet both raw edges of the border fabric together (not the outer raw edge and the seam line.) Press with steam to make a good crease. The fold mark will look slightly off center when viewed from the front. **(See Diagram A.)**

Diagram A



Fold and Press Under

- **Cut your Contrast & Background Fabrics:**

Width of Contrast & Background fabric:

If you are making 1½" wide diamonds, cut your Contrast & Background Fabrics 2½" wide. If you are making 3½" wide diamonds, cut your Contrast & Background Fabrics 4½" wide.

Length of Contrast & Background fabric:

Decide how long you want your diamonds to stretch from tip to tip. You will cut your Contrast & Background Fabrics slightly longer than that length. If you are making 1½" wide diamonds, add 3". If you are making 3½" wide diamonds, add 5" to the length. Remember that you will be making two sets of diamonds for each corner.

- Cut two sets of fusible web the same size as the Contrast Fabric strips. This can be several smaller pieces butted up next to each other. It's better to overlap the web than have gaps of fabric without fusing. Iron the fusible web to the Contrast Fabric following manufacturer's directions. Remove the paper.
- Cut one end of the fused contrast fabric at a 45° angle so that it will lie alongside the mitered seam nicely.

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- Place the Contrast strip on the back of the Main (Border) fabric between the beginning and ending marks that you previously identified and chalked. Carefully center the Contrast strip and fuse it to the Main (Border) fabric.
- Fold this “fused piece” in half lengthwise once again with the Main (border) fabric on the outside. Press with steam to make a good crease. If necessary, mark the ending point once again with a chalk line.

Step #2: Cut Slits in Fabric

- Following the manufacturer’s directions, cut slits for the diamonds. Be sure that you put the top of the ruler close to the mitered seam so that your diamonds open up the correct way. Place the first slot on the ruler at the chalked mark where you want your first diamond to begin. (See Diagram B.) Cut until you come close to the chalked mark where you want your diamonds to end. You may need to fold back the last diamond that you cut to see where the tip of the diamond will fall. Cut more slits if necessary.
- Once you have cut all the slits on one side of the mitered corner, cut the diamonds on the other side in the same manner. Be sure to turn the fused piece over and put the top of the ruler close to the mitered seam so that the diamonds open the right way. Make the same number of slits that you made on the other side (unless, of course, you want one set to be longer than the other.)

Step #3: Finish Making the Diamonds

- Fold back and tuck the diamonds following manufacturer’s directions. (For further instructions about folding and tucking, use the directions on the inside of your Double Diamond Ruler™ package or on the downloadable tutorial [“How to Make Double Diamonds”](#) starting on Step #3.) Use fabric glue to temporarily tack the diamonds down.
- Place fabric glue liberally on the contrast fabric, which is on the back of the fused double diamond piece. Center your Background fabric and place it underneath the double diamonds so that the right side of the Background fabric shows through the Double Diamonds when viewed from the top of the piece. Do this for both sets of diamonds. You may need to cut one end of your background fabric on a 45° angle to fit properly at the corner.
- You can secure the three layers of fabric now or during the quilting process. If desired, sew a straight stitch down the center of the Double Diamonds. Make sure that the flaps are properly tucked under the diamonds below them before sewing.

Diagram B

